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Reference: DEPTTEL NIACT 251, not repeated London

1. Message for King Saud was most timely, especially assurances (paragraph 6) that USG valued his friendship, and would contribute towards strengthening his Kingdom.

Immediately following its receipt November 24 I was able, helpfully seconded by Eli Stevens, to discuss it fully with Prince Faisal and Royal Counselor Gargon. Faisal expressed appreciation, undertook send King report our discussion on special airplane leaving for Dammam same night, and readily agreed that Muhammad Effendi, Embassy Arab consultant, should personally carry Arabic translation of substance paragraph 6 to King.

Stevens too left by same plane and following evening, prior to departure for India early next morning, King received him and Muhammad. Deputy Foreign Minister Yasin was present. Summary of audience, based on memo from Stevens, follows:

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Stevens answered
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Stevens answered by reviewing status current SAG cash-reimbursable arms requests as outlined in reference telegram. King was unaware payment had not (repeat not) been made and charged Yasin investigate. He also said message was encouraging and hoped it opened way to increased cooperation and strengthened friendship.

King stressed much more equipment was needed and referred to extensive amounts supplied Turkey, Greece, Persia and Iraq. Stevens answered, along lines our discussion with Faisal, that USG stands ready consider request within framework projected Saudi "five-year plan".

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3. Both Prince Faisal and King spoke also of Buraimi dispute as I shall report in next EMBTEL.

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